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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting This Date of DCI/D 1/2 Ad Hoc Working Group

25X1 1. The Group convened at the request of NSA and DIA to consider a draft "Primer on the National Intelligence Requirements System." The draft had been produced by [] of the IC Staff. We supplied comments earlier this month on that portion of the Primer that described the role of the NIOs as production and collection coordinators.

STAT 2. As it turned out, the members of the Group are asking for three different papers. NSA, DIA, and the three services want a detailed description of the requirements process as it now exists, including its shortcomings. [] the chairman of the group, on the other hand, appears to want a document that can be shown to Congress as a demonstration that previous Congressional criticisms of the requirements process are no longer valid. [] for his part, was apparently trying to provide a conceptual framework for thinking about a requirements system; what he produced was a combination of what the system might be and what it actually is.

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4. Representing the National Intelligence staff, I essentially listened to the debate. When I was asked for my perceptions I said that the whole planning and requirements system, as far as I could tell, was likely to receive high level attention in the near future and might well be thoroughly revamped. []'s paper would be most valuable if it could provide a sensible framework for the levying of requirements and for the accounting for the use of collection resources. I was asked also what the status of Presidential

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Priorities was. I gave the same answer as the Director did at NFIB on 5 July and disavowed any insight as to what relationship these priorities might have -- when they finally emerge -- to the DCID 1/2 matrix or to any other parts of the planning, priorities and requirements process.



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